

Lamoille County Planning Commission

FY23 Municipal Report

(July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)



The Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) is a multi-purpose governmental organization formed by municipalities and serving Lamoille County. LCPC is governed by appointed representatives from each town and village and five elected County Directors.

Lamoille County Planning Commission implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional, and statewide needs. The revised Lamoille County Regional Plan will be adopted in November 2023 and will be available on our Web site.

Projects and Programs

- ☞ ***Municipal Plan and Bylaw Updates & Related Technical Assistance:*** Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education, training, bylaw modernization, and plan updates.
- ☞ ***Brownfields Revitalization:*** Complete environmental site assessments and clean-up planning so properties can be sold or re-developed to benefit the economy; create/protect jobs, enhance quality of life, and increase housing opportunities.
- ☞ ***Transportation Planning:*** Coordinate local involvement in state transportation decisions; represent Lamoille County municipalities on Rural Community Transportation and Green Mountain Transit Boards; facilitate and provide administrative support to the Green Mountain Byway Committee; coordinate outreach and training through the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC); provide services such as intersection studies, corridor plans, road foremen network, Municipal Road Permits and the Orange Book workshops, and traffic counts; and coordinate with other entities such as the Agency of Natural Resources for compiling county-wide lists of potential projects to consider for implementation.
- ☞ ***Emergency Response Planning:*** Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and the State on emergency response planning, exercises and trainings; assist communities with updating Local Hazard Mitigation Plans and implementation of hazard mitigation projects to reduce damages from future disasters; provide technical assistance to the Regional Emergency Management Committee.
- ☞ ***Watershed Planning and Project Development:*** Implement water quality projects and programs to protect water resources, ensure safe water supplies, enhance recreational opportunities, and address known sources of pollution; provide Vermont Clean Water Fund Outreach and Assistance; assist in the development of the Winooski and Lamoille Tactical Basin Plans.
- ☞ ***Regional Plan:*** Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and administration of a comprehensive regional plan.

- ☞ ***Geographic Information Services:*** Provide municipalities, state agencies, and regional groups mapping assistance and data analysis in support of their projects.
- ☞ ***Special Projects:*** Complete special projects such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, forest stewardship, economic development, and affordable housing.
- ☞ ***Grants:*** Provide assistance identifying appropriate funding sources, defining project scope, and writing applications.
- ☞ ***Board Development:*** LCPC is comprised of a Board of Directors, with 19 Directors appointed by municipalities and five County Directors representing regional interests. For FY23, County Directors were: Leo Clark, Liz Schroeter Courtney, Caleb Magoon, Linda Martin, and Roger Murphy.

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BELVIDERE

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In Belvidere these services included:

- ❖ Providing updates to road erosion inventory for compliance with the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing project management services with FEMA and State reimbursements for 2019 Halloween Storm repairs;
- ❖ Providing information and technical support, including site visits upon request with VTrans and Agency of Natural Resources staff;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Road Commissioner, Selectboard, and Town Clerk regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing technical and administrative support for Town participation in the VTrans Better Roads Grant Program;
- ❖ Assisting with updating the Belvidere Local Emergency Management Plan;
- ❖ Providing technical support related to traffic safety, speed limits, and signs;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and coordination about various highway topics between State and Town officials;
- ❖ Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- ❖ Conducting traffic and bike-pedestrian counts;
- ❖ Providing mapping assistance for the following projects: Municipal Roads General Permit and various grant applications;
- ❖ Providing assistance with updating the Local Emergency Management Plan;

LCPC Board Member
Carol Caldwell-Edmonds

**Transportation Advisory
Committee**
Ken Adams, Jr.

- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the “3 Acre Rule” and draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Providing outreach on funding for clean water projects ;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance and guidance regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding and reporting;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District.
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources about the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.

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CAMBRIDGE TOWN

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In Cambridge these services included the following. We have also included brief updates on some of our services related to the July 2023 flooding as we thought they would be of interest.

- ❖ Providing support to Cambridge by supporting the Development Review Board and assisting the public in navigating the subdivision process;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Cambridge Planning Commission to draft and adopt the Cambridge Enhanced Energy Plan;
- ❖ Assisting in securing funding and managing a Clean Water Block Grant for final design of stormwater and floodplain restoration concepts at the Dorothy Smith Access Area. This planning effort is an outcome of the Jeffersonville Stormwater Master Plan.
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Town for flood mitigation and recovery following the July 2023 flood.
- ❖ Providing information related to State and FEMA funds for building elevations and buyouts.
- ❖ Providing project development and landowner outreach for floodplain restoration projects in the Town of Cambridge and Jeffersonville Village;
- ❖ Providing information and technical support regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and coordination about various highway topics between State officials and Cambridge Highway Department.
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District;
- ❖ Facilitating use of Grant In Aid funds, which assist the town in complying with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing mapping assistance for the following projects: Cambridge Recreation Trails Guide update, Cambridge Culvert Inventory update, Municipal Roads General Permit, and various grant applications;

LCPC Board Members

Dick Goff

Sandy Albright

(appointed 01/17/23)

(Deceased 8/17/23)

Transportation Advisory Committee

Eric Boozan

Jonathan DeLaBruere (alt)

- ❖ Engaging the community and local officials in follow-up discussion regarding the flood model of the main stem of the Lamoille River;
- ❖ Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- ❖ Facilitating technical support and coordination with VTrans related to traffic and bike-pedestrian safety, speed limits, and signs on town and state roads;
- ❖ Updating the Cambridge Recreation Trails Guide;
- ❖ Working with the Green Mountain Byway Committee on extension of the Byway;
- ❖ Conducting traffic and bike-pedestrian counts;
- ❖ Conducting a Culvert Inventory for the Town of Cambridge;
- ❖ Assisting with a grant application to study possible improved connections between the Cambridge Greenway and Jeffersonville;
- ❖ Assisting with updating of Local Emergency Management Plan;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the "3 Acre Rule" and draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Providing outreach on funding opportunities for Clean Water projects;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance and guidance regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding and reporting;
- ❖ Assisting the town in managing a Municipal Planning Grant to research limitations to childcare facilities in Cambridge, Wolcott, Stowe, and Johnson;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources about the Municipal Energy Resilience Program;
- ❖ Exploring funding opportunities for the next Cambridge Town/Village Plan update.

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CAMBRIDGE VILLAGE

LCPC Board Member Vacant

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In Cambridge Village these services included the following. We have also included brief updates on some of our services related to the July 2023 flooding as we thought they would be of interest.

- ❖ Providing assistance to Cambridge by supporting the Development Review Board and assisting the public in navigating the subdivision process;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Cambridge Planning Commission to draft and adopt the Cambridge Enhanced Energy Plan;
- ❖ Coordinating technical guidance site visits with Agency of Natural Resources staff for various projects;
- ❖ Working with the Green Mountain Byway Committee on extension of the Byway;
- ❖ Engaging the community and local officials in follow-up discussions regarding the flood model of the main stem of the Lamoille River;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance for flood mitigation and recovery following the July 2023 flood;
- ❖ Providing information related to State and FEMA funds for building elevations and buyouts;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the "3 Acre Rule" and Draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Providing outreach on funding opportunities for Clean Water projects;
- ❖ Conducting traffic counts;

- ❖ Facilitating technical support and coordination with VTrans related to traffic and bike-pedestrian safety, speed limits, and signs on town and state roads;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance and guidance regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding and reporting;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District.

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EDEN

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In Eden these services included:

- ❖ Providing information and technical support, including site visits upon request with Agency of Natural Resources staff regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Facilitating Grant In Aid funds, which assist the town in complying with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and coordination about various highway topics, including but not limited to, Halloween 2019 Storm repairs and VAG settlement funded projects between State officials and Eden Highway Department;
- ❖ Facilitating technical support and coordination with VTrans related to traffic safety, speed limits, and signs on town and state roads;
- ❖ Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- ❖ Providing updates to road erosion inventory for compliance with the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Assisting the Town in coordinating meetings with US Fish and Wildlife under the VT Asbestos Group Settlement process to prioritize bridge and culvert replacement projects that are a priority for the Town of Eden;
- ❖ Providing mapping assistance for various projects;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the "3 Acre Rule" and Draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Providing outreach on funding opportunities for Clean Water projects;
- ❖ Assisting with the update of the Local Emergency Management Plan;

LCPC Board Member

Vacant

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- ❖ Providing technical assistance and guidance regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding and reporting;
- ❖ Assisting the Town of Eden with Town Plan and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan updates;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District; Providing outreach and informational resources about the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.

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ELMORE

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In Elmore these services included:

- ❖ Providing information and technical support regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Facilitating Grant In Aid funds, used to assist towns in complying with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- ❖ Providing information and technical support regarding compliance with the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and coordination about various highway topics between State officials and Elmore Highway Department;
- ❖ Assisting with updating of Local Emergency Management Plan;
- ❖ Assisting with Village Center Tax Credit application for repairs at the Elmore Store;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance related to options and funding sources for replacement of the Town Highway Garage;
- ❖ Providing conceptual planning assistance for a park at the new Town Highway garage property;
- ❖ Providing outreach on the update of the Winooski River Tactical Basin Plan;
- ❖ Providing outreach on funding opportunities for clean water projects;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the "3 Acre Rule" and Draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Conducting traffic counts;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance on updating data in the Elmore Local Hazard Mitigation Plan;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance and guidance regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding and reporting;

LCPC Board Member
Trevor Braun

**Transportation Advisory
Committee**
Vacant

- ❖ At the request of the Town Planning Commission, envisioning recreation programming potential at 18 acre site for future new Town Garage complex. Information provides a framework to pursue grants to plan recreation at this site;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources about the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- ❖ Coordinating with partners, assisting with a scope of work amendment, and navigating the NEPA process (environmental and historic preservation review) for the Elmore Store Revitalization project.

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HYDE PARK TOWN

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In Hyde Park these services included:

- ❖ Providing funding, through LCPC's Brownfields Program, to conduct environmental assessment at a site in the Village of Hyde Park;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and coordination about various highway topics between State officials and Hyde Park Highway Department;
- ❖ Facilitating technical support and coordination with VTrans related to traffic and bike-pedestrian safety, speed limits, and signs on town and state roads;
- ❖ Providing information and technical support regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Facilitating Grant In Aid funds, used to assist the town in complying with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- ❖ Working with the Town to develop options for pedestrian safety improvements in North Hyde Park Village. Applying to the Vermont Agency of Transportation for a demonstration project to "test" two potential crosswalk locations in North Hyde Park;
- ❖ Assisting with VEM funded planning for two road structures in Hyde Park;
- ❖ Conducting Gap and Needs analysis regarding public transit services;
- ❖ Assisting the Town to manage two "Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities" grants for engineering to upgrade the Whitcomb Island Bridge and a culvert on Garfield Road;
- ❖ Conducting traffic and bike-pedestrian counts specific to the North Hyde Park Pedestrian Safety Study;
- ❖ Assisting with updating of Local Emergency Management Plan;
- ❖ Assisting with review of flood hazard regulations for compliance with FEMA standards, and potential opportunities to reduce flood insurance premiums for property owners;

LCPC Board Member

Greg Paus

Richard Pearson

(appointed 09/27/2022)

Transportation Advisory Committee

Richard Pearson

- ❖ Assisting with updating town Zoning maps and overlays;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards, including the “3 Acre Rule” and Draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Providing outreach on funding opportunities for Clean Water projects;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance for the Town of Hyde Park’s Clean Water Service Provider application to fund preliminary design for the Centerville Brook Dam Removal Project;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance and guidance regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding and reporting;
- ❖ Managing a FY22 Municipal Planning Grant to evaluate and identify opportunities for bylaw modernization in the context of North Hyde Park;
- ❖ Assisting with a Municipal Planning Grant to develop “Gateway Signs” welcoming travelers to North Hyde Park;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources about the Municipal Energy Resilience Program;
- ❖ Conducting a municipal consultation with the Hyde Park Planning Commission on the next update of the Town Plan. Assisting in exploring funding opportunities for the Town/Village Plan update.

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VILLAGE OF HYDE PARK

LCPC Board Member
Riki French

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In the Village of Hyde Park these services included:

- ❖ Providing outreach to Village property owners regarding tax credits and other financial incentives available through the Village's Village Center designation;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to Village Planning Commission and Board of Trustees about potential zoning amendments;
- ❖ Conducting traffic and bike-pedestrian counts;
- ❖ Assisting the Village with grant writing related to reservoir upgrades;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the "3 Acre Rule" and Draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Providing outreach on the update of the Lamoille River Tactical Basin Plan;
- ❖ Providing funding, through LCPC's Brownfields Program, to conduct environmental assessment at a site in the Village of Hyde Park;
- ❖ Working with the Planning Commission on exploring walkable and age-friendly housing on currently vacant land in the village with funding provided by the Vermont Realtors, including a potential application for a Neighborhood Designation Area through the State Designation Program;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District.
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources about the Municipal Energy Resilience Program;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance reformatting village zoning bylaw document;
- ❖ Exploring funding opportunities for the next Town/Village Plan update.



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JEFFERSONVILLE

LCPC Board Member
Vacant

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In Jeffersonville these services included the following. We have also included brief updates on some of our services related to the July 2023 flooding as we thought they would be of interest.

- ❖ Assisting the Village Trustees in submitting grant applications for source upgrades to the Village Water System, including securing \$250,000 grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission and \$560,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending through the US EPA;
- ❖ Assisting the Village Trustees in administering \$560,000 of Congressionally Directed Spending through the US EPA for upgrades to the Village Water System;
- ❖ Coordinating meetings and providing assistance managing the Village Water System upgrade;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance for flood mitigation and recovery following the July 2023 flood;
- ❖ Providing information related to State and FEMA funds for building elevations and buyouts;
- ❖ Providing outreach and technical assistance to draft the Cambridge Enhanced Energy Plan. This plan includes input from the Jeffersonville Board of Trustees and Planning Commission. This Energy Plan can serve as a template if Jeffersonville were to adopt an Enhanced Energy Plan during future Village Plan updates;
- ❖ Conducting traffic and bike-pedestrian counts;
- ❖ Providing mapping assistance for the following projects: the Cambridge Recreation Trails Guide update, Village Plan, and flood hazard mitigation planning;

- ❖ Managing a Clean Water Block Grant for Final Design of stormwater and floodplain restoration concepts at the Dorothy Smith Access Area. This planning effort is an outcome of the Jeffersonville Stormwater Master Plan;
- ❖ Providing funding, through LCPC's Brownfields Program, to conduct environmental assessment at the former Granary property on Route 15;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance and funding through Disaster Mitigation Technical Assistance Program, to develop green stormwater design plans for the former Granary Property on Route 15;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the "3 Acre Rule" and Draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Providing outreach on funding opportunities for Clean Water projects;
- ❖ Facilitating technical support and coordination with VTrans related to traffic and bike-pedestrian safety, speed limits, and signs on town and state roads;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District.

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JOHNSON TOWN & VILLAGE

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In Johnson and Johnson Village these services included the following. We have also included brief updates on some of our services related to the July 2023 flooding as we thought they would be of interest.

- ❖ Assisting with updating Local Emergency Management Plan;
- ❖ Assisting with grant administration for Community Development Block Grant awarded to Jenna's Promise;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and a road erosion inventory for the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Facilitating Grant In Aid funds, used to assist towns in complying with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and coordination about various highway topics between State officials and Johnson Highway Department;
- ❖ Facilitating technical support and coordination with VTrans related to traffic and bike-pedestrian safety, speed limits, and signs on town and state roads;
- ❖ Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- ❖ Conducting Gap and Needs analysis regarding public transit services;
- ❖ Conducting traffic and bike-pedestrian counts;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the "3 Acre Rule" and Draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Providing outreach on funding opportunities for Clean Water projects;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance for updating the Johnson Local Hazard Mitigation Plan;

LCPC Board Member

Town: Duncan Hastings

Village: Diane Lehouiller

(resigned 03/21/23)

GiGi Beach

(appointed 04/20/23)

Caleb Magoon – County Director

Transportation Advisory Committee

Vacant

- ❖ Providing technical assistance and guidance regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding and reporting;
- ❖ Collecting input regarding the Childcare MPG consortium with Cambridge, Stowe, and Wolcott;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance for flood mitigation and recovery following the July 2023 flood;
- ❖ Providing information related to State and FEMA funds for building elevations and buyouts;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance and funding through the Disaster Mitigation Technical Assistance Program, to hire an engineer to develop preliminary plans to improve stormwater drainage infrastructure on Railroad Street and coordinating this project with the underground chambers stormwater treatment system proposed behind the Johnson Public Library;
- ❖ Assisting the Johnson Planning Commission with updating the Municipal Plan;
- ❖ Assisting the Town in securing a grant from the Flood Resilient Communities Fund for acquisition, final design, and implementation of the Floodplain Restoration Project at the “Holmes Meadow” on River Road;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District;
- ❖ Requesting and securing Congressional Discretionary Spending funds to design and construct a new garage facility;
- ❖ Applying for Northern Borders Regional Commission grant funding to develop the light industrial/commercial park;
- ❖ Coordinating with the Brownfields Committee to assess properties for redevelopment;
- ❖ Providing information and technical assistance for the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.

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MORRISTOWN and MORRISVILLE

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In Morristown and Morrisville these services included:

- ❖ Facilitating Grant In Aid funds, used to assist towns in complying with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and a road erosion inventory for the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Working with the Green Mountain Byway Committee on extension of the Byway;
- ❖ Conducting bike-pedestrian counts on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail;
- ❖ Conducting Gap and Needs analysis regarding public transit services;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the "3 Acre Rule" and Draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Providing outreach on funding opportunities for Clean Water projects and the update of the Winooski River Tactical Basin Plan;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources about the Municipal Energy Resilience Program;
- ❖ Providing mapping services for various road and conservation projects.

LCPC Board Member

Judy Bickford

Steven Foster

(appointed 07/18/22)

Transportation Advisory Committee

Hannah Farda

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STOWE

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In Stowe these services included:

- ❖ Beginning construction of the Smugglers' Notch Parking and Stormwater project;
- ❖ Coordinating between Vermont Emergency Management and FEMA to secure funding to reduce flood and erosion damage to Route 108 in Smugglers' Notch;
- ❖ Installing a crosswalk on Route 108 near the Barnes Camp Visitors' Center using a "Small Bike/Ped Grant" awarded by Vtrans;
- ❖ Assisting Planning and Zoning Staff with updates to the Town's flood hazard regulations;
- ❖ Providing information and technical support regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and coordination about various highway topics between State officials and Stowe Highway Department;
- ❖ Assisting with updating the Local Emergency Management Plan;
- ❖ Conducting traffic and bike-pedestrian counts;
- ❖ Facilitating Grant In Aid funds, used to assist towns in complying with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Working with the Green Mountain Byway committee on extension of the Byway;
- ❖ Facilitating coordination between VTrans, Green Mountain Transit, the Town, and Resort staff for planning to reduce congestion on Town and State roads;
- ❖ Facilitating technical support and coordination with VTrans related to traffic and bike-pedestrian safety, speed limits, and signs on town and state roads;
- ❖ Providing technical support and coordinating assistance between VTrans and Town staff regarding Town goals and priorities for State funded transportation projects;

LCPC Board Member

Brian Leven

Marina Meerburg

Leo Clark—County Director

Transportation Advisory Committee

Chris Jolly

- ❖ Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- ❖ Continuing to assist with management and oversight of the Barnes Camp Visitors' Center, along with other partners;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the "3 Acre Rule "and draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Providing outreach regarding the update of the Winooski River Tactical Basin Plan;
- ❖ Providing outreach on funding opportunities for Clean Water projects;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance and guidance regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding and reporting;
- ❖ Participating in partners' meetings and site visits for the development of the Stowe Stormwater Master Plan;
- ❖ Collecting input regarding the Childcare MPG consortium with Cambridge, Johnson, Stowe, and Wolcott;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources about the Municipal Energy Resilience Program;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance and exploring funding opportunities for the Micro Hydro Project on the Stowe Electric Department (SED) property. The LCPC also provided conceptual planning support for recreational use (river portage), stormwater management, and stream buffer enhancements on the SED property. Exploring funding opportunities for the next Town Plan update.

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WATERVILLE

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In Waterville these services included:

- ❖ Providing informational assistance to update the Local Emergency Management Plan;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and a road erosion inventory for the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and coordination about various highway topics between State officials and the Road Commissioner;
- ❖ Providing information about and technical assistance with VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- ❖ Facilitating Grant In Aid funds, used to assist towns in complying with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Working with the Town to develop conceptual plans for improving pedestrian safety in the Village Center and near the Waterville Elementary School, and facilitating VTrans improving signs related to traffic and pedestrian safety on the State road;
- ❖ Assisting in submitting requests to VTrans for improved signage along Route 109;
- ❖ Conducting traffic and bike-pedestrian counts;
- ❖ Working with the Town EMD and School District to evaluate options for an emergency generator at the Waterville Elementary School;
- ❖ Providing updates to road erosion inventory for compliance with the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to update the Waterville Local Hazard Mitigation Plan;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the "3 Acre Rule" and Draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Providing outreach on funding opportunities for Clean Water projects;

LCPC Board Member

Jeff Tilton

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- ❖ Providing technical assistance and guidance regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding and reporting;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources about the Municipal Energy Resilience Program;
- ❖ Assisting Waterville with the Village Center Designation renewal process.

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FY23 Municipal Assistance July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

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The Lamoille County Planning Commission is a political subdivision of the state, governed by a board that includes representatives from each Lamoille County municipality. In the absence of County government, the LCPC provides an essential link between local, state, and federal government agencies and local Lamoille County communities. The LCPC is uniquely positioned to provide broad and cost-effective professional planning services to local municipalities.

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Maxfield English
Liz Courtney—County Director
Linda Martin—County Director

Transportation Advisory Committee
Linda Martin
Dillan Cafferkey (alt)
Kurt Klein (alt 2)

In Wolcott these services included the following. We have also included brief updates on some of our services related to the July 2023 flooding as we thought they would be of interest.

- ❖ Providing information and technical support regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Facilitating Grant In Aid funds, used to assist the town in complying with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Conducting bike/pedestrian counts on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and coordination about various highway topics between State officials and Wolcott Highway Department;
- ❖ Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds, Emergency Management programs, and Fish & Wildlife grant programs that are eligible for road projects;
- ❖ Providing information and technical support, including site visits upon request with VTrans and Agency of Natural Resources staff regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Town for flood mitigation and recovery following the July 2023 flood;
- ❖ Providing information related to State and FEMA funds for building elevations and buyouts;
- ❖ Assisting with flood mitigation analysis to identify options to reduce risk of future flooding and debris jamming to Flat Iron Road and School Street;
- ❖ Assisting with a project to evaluate the opportunities to enhance wastewater capacity in Wolcott Village to enable growth of local businesses;
- ❖ Assisting with the Schoolhouse Revitalization Committee to further pursue the reuse of the historic schoolhouse and have it become a community hub for all residents and visitors on the LVRT;

- ❖ Developing maps showing possible wastewater options in the town;
- ❖ Utilizing Lamoille Main Stem Flood Model to evaluate opportunities to reduce flooding and ice jamming along Route 15;
- ❖ Evaluating possible opportunities to reduce flooding and erosion on North Wolcott Road and exploring floodplain restoration along the Wild Branch near the North Wolcott Recreation Field;
- ❖ Managing a Clean Water Block Grant for final design and implementation of floodplain restoration alternatives on property owned by the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife to reduce flooding on Elmore Pond Road. The Clean Water Block Grant is funding final design and implementation of a berm removal as part of this greater restoration effort, and coordinating with VFWD and the Lamoille NRCD on the stream buffer restoration portion of this floodplain restoration project;
- ❖ Managing a grant from the Flood Resilient Communities Fund for final design and implementation of the Floodplain Restoration Project at the North Wolcott Recreation Fields;
- ❖ Facilitating technical support and coordination with VTrans related to traffic and bike-pedestrian safety, speed limits, and signs on town and state roads;
- ❖ Providing technical support and coordinating assistance between VTrans and Town staff regarding Town goals and priorities for State funded transportation projects including the School Street Bridge;
- ❖ Conducting traffic and bike-pedestrian counts;
- ❖ Assisting with updating the Local Emergency Management Plan;
- ❖ Assisting with review of flood hazard regulations for compliance with FEMA standards, and potential opportunities to reduce flood insurance premiums for property owners;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the “3 Acre Rule” and Draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Providing outreach on funding opportunities for Clean Water projects;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance and guidance regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding and reporting;
- ❖ Collecting input regarding the Childcare MPG consortium with Cambridge, Johnson, Stowe, and Wolcott;
- ❖ Assisting the Town in developing an application to renew the Designated Village Center status for Wolcott Village;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources about the Municipal Energy Resilience Program;
- ❖ Coordinating with the Brownfields Committee to assess properties for redevelopment;
- ❖ Assisting in securing Clean Water Service Provider funding for preliminary design of the Gulf Road Bridge Replacement and Floodplain Restoration project;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Wolcott Planning Commission and the town to participate in the Healthy Communities Technical Assistance Pilot program sponsored by the Vermont Department of Health and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development.